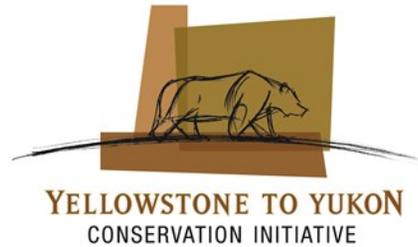

Do Grizzly Bears travel through the Big Sky area?

What are those little bags hanging from the trees at the top of the Swift Current Chair?



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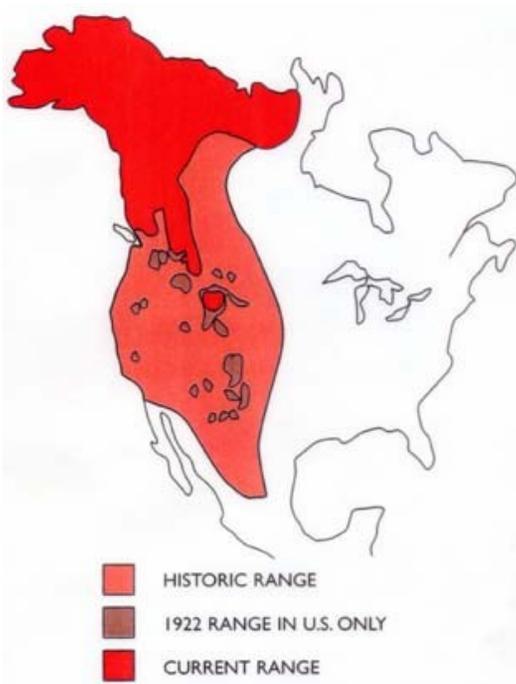
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Your Forest

Your Grizzly Bears



Grizzly Bear Range—Courtesy of Yellowstone to Yukon



Courtesy of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Grizzly Bears Eat What?

The Big Sky area is an important route for Grizzly Bears traveling from Yellowstone National Park to the rest of Montana.

The rugged whitebark pine graces many of our high forest and the pine nuts it produces are a preferred food source for these transient grizzly bears.



**Whitebark Pine—
Courtesy of Montana
Department of Environmental Quality**

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Years when the pine nuts are scarce, grizzly bears will travel widely to search for alternative food sources.

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HOW CAN WE SAVE WHITEBARK PINE?

The supply of whitebark pine nuts naturally varies from year to year.



Pheromone Packet

Outbreaks of the mountain pine beetle can result in the death of mature whitebark

pine forest leaving grizzly bears to search for other food sources for many years to come.

The installation of inconspicuous pheromone packets can deter these insect from making a home in these important trees.

These small pheromone packets signal to the mountain pine beetle that your forest has “no vacancy”.

WHERE CAN WE SEE WHITEBARK PINE?

Montana State University Extension – Gallatin County has received a generous grant from the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative to install these pheromone packets in whitebark pine forest.

Big Sky Resort generously installed packets in over 2 acres of whitebark pine forest. Take a ride to the top of Swift Current Chair and see for yourself.

